

# Wisconsin Entomological Society

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### UPDATE ON THE REGAL **FRITILLARY IN WISCONSIN**

by Ann Swengel

spectacular Regal Fritillary (Speyeria idalia) was listed in Wisconsin as threatened in 1989 and endangered My husband, Scott in 1997. Swengel, and I have surveyed Regal populations here each year since 1990. We also conducted a companion study in five other states (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and North Dakota) from 1990 through 1999. In the latter three states, many large Regal populations occurred, allowing us to learn more quickly (or at all) many interesting relationships to habitat character-

istics a n d management that very would be difficult demonstrate only with the few populations Wisconsin.

From our surveys, others' reports (published in this newsletter), informal tips, and the DNR's statewide status survey in 1993 and 1994, the Regal Fritillary was known to exist during the 1990s as

a population (multiple individuals seen in the site on multiple dates) at only six sites or clusters of sites: Buena Vista (Portage County), Hogback (Crawford), Muralt/Oliver\*

(Green). Pine Island\* (Columbia). Thomson/Barneveld (Iowa), and Waterfowl Production Area(s)\* (St. Croix). Only the three starred areas have records known from before the 1990s, and the three largest known populations today do not have records from before the 1990s. It's all but impossible to piece together the very long-term picture of the Regal's distribution and trend in Wisconsin. If even half the effort in the 1990s to find and publish Regal records had occurred in earlier decades. how many populations would have been found

> then? We'll never know. But we can use what we know now to help improve the future outlook for this species in our state.

> Wе started survevs at Muralt and Oliver in 1990, as well as at the first tract acquired at the Thomson preserve ("site 1"), where we discovered the first Regal for this area. Unfortunately, another initial

the disappearance of the population at Spring Green. In 1992, we started surveys at Hogback and the later land acquisition at Thomson ("site 2"), after others discovered Regal



Regal Fritillary (Speyerta idalia) Photo: Ann Swengel, 6/17/97

populations in these places. started surveys at Pine Island in 1993 but found no Regals until 1995, when we recorded populations at two sites.

In 1997, Scott was determined to search for Regals at Buena Vista. It has the factors most strongly associated with higher Regal numbers in our multi-state study (very large grassland size, presence of wetter and drier grassland types, and unintensive management by light grazing and/or having, with any burning in small, scattered, and infrequent fires). My ornithologist husband also noticed that sites with larger Regal populations also had better bird-watching, and Buena Vista has an outstanding avian community. Still, I thought he was crazy to expect Regals there, because Regals are prairie butterflies. should have trusted my own analyses! Poetically, I found the first Regal—a feeling I will treasure for the rest of my life. Apparently, Regals Please see, Regals, Page 2

Regal Fritiliary (closed position) Photo: Ann Swengel, 6/18/92 research finding was

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#### Regals, from Page 1

define prairie somewhat differently than humans do. Meanwhile, Jim Margenau and his students re-discovered Regals in St. Croix County at large but certainly not pristine grasslands. The figure shows the highest survey counts of Regals at each site still supporting a Regal population that we've monitored for at least four years. We used the same survey route each year (except we expanded the route at Pine Island when we found Regals there). All surveys occurred with no rain, and either a minimum temperature of 68°F or a minimum of 20% sunshine with a minimum temperature of 60°F. We surveyed sites several times each flight period, but couldn't do weekly surveys at each site (which would ensure hitting near peak

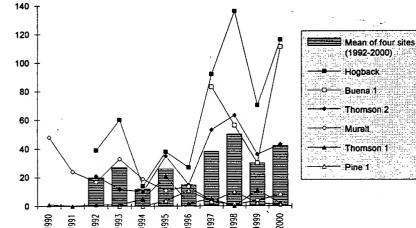
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numbers) because we had other things to do (like work) and too many sites to check, at least in minimally acceptable weather. So we aimed to survey each site in the main flight period, not specifically peak, since it's hard to know exactly when peak is until after it's passed.

But we've mostly come fairly close to peak anyway. For 90% of the populations in the figure (i.e., each site in each year), a survey occurred within seven days before or after the date on which we observed the most Regals anywhere in the state (i.e., our observed peak date). In the other 10%, surveys occurred within 11 days before to 15 days after the peak date. Since about 3 weeks (or more) typically pass between first Regal adult and peak week, and then usually about 4-5 (or more) weeks after that to last adult, Numbers are high for a fairly broad period of 1-2 weeks before and after peak week.

The most obvious thing about the graph is how tangled and erratic the lines are. Some of this is due to the vagaries of when we got our highest count relative to weather and flight period timing at a given site. But a lot of this looks like the abundance fluctuations discussed so much by the British, from their widespread long-term butterfly surveying. The bar graph imbedded amongst the lines for individual sites shows the average number of Regals recorded at the four sites surveyed each year from 1992 to 2000.

Unfortunately, considerable population decline occurred at Muralt, where the entire habitat has been rotationally burned since the 1970s, with about 10-40% burned





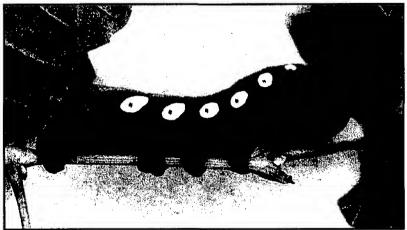
### WES Spring Meeting Milwaukee Public Museum

Education Classroom, Ground Floor Sat. April 21, 2001, 1:00 P.M.

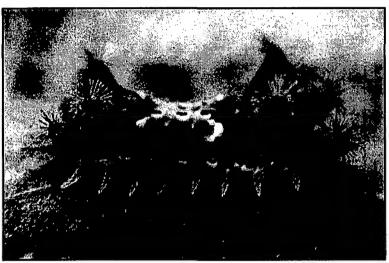
Please check in at the information desk on the main concourse. Anyone who wishes to visit the collections or borrow material should contact the appropriate curator in advance: Lepidoptera-Carla Penz: email flea@mpm.edu, 414-278-6936; Other Insects-Gary Noonan: email carabid@mpm. edu, 414-278-2758: Non-insect Invertebrates-Joan Jass: email jass@mpm.edu, 414-278-2761. The meeting will include an overview and tour of the Puelicher Butterfly Garden, as well as election of officers. Please forward nominations to Phil Pellitteri: email pellitte@ entomology.wisc.edu, 608-262-6510. 🗑

per year during our study period, except for no fires in 1990, 1993, 1998, and 2000. Our highest survey totals occurred in 1990 and 1993, with very low numbers from 1997 to 1999, but an encouraging (if small) increase in 2000. I didn't graph Oliver, where Bob Borth reported a consistent population in this newsletter in 1992, because we found 1-4 individuals on five dates in 1991, 1993, and 1994, and none since (1995-2000). This tiny prairie near Muralt was entirely burned in 1989. 1992, 1997, and 2000. I also left out Pine Island (site 2), where we recorded a population in 1995 and 1996 but no Regals in summer 1997-2000, following fires that burned this entire habitat in spring 1997 and again in 1998. A population still occurs, but is small and precarious, at Pine Island (site 1), which has recently been entirely burned over with partial fires in 1995, 1997, and 1999. Over the years, we have communicated with the owning agencies and managers of these sites, and remain hopeful for wider implementation of the excellent Regal management information Please see. Regals, Page 5

#### **2000 PHOTO SALON WINNERS**



Pandorus Sphinx Moth Larva (Eumorpha pandorus) FIRST PLACE
Janice Stiefel, Bailey's Harbor, WI—Photographed 8/31/00
Found on Wild Grape by Scott Randall in Glenbeulah, WI



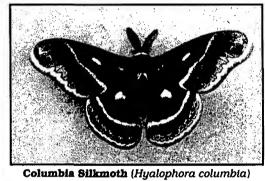
Unidentified Cupmoth Larva SECOND PLACE
Gene Drecktrah, Oshkosh, WI
Photographed: 1980 Montrose, Australia



The Herald Moth
(Scollopteryx libatrix)
HONORABLE MENTION
Janice Stiefel, Bailey's Harbor, WI
Photographed: 7/31/00 Door Co.



White-Marked Tussock Larvae (Orgyia leucostigma) THIRD PLACE Janice Stiefel, Bailey's Harbor, WI Photographed: 8/9/00; 36 days old



Janice Stiefel, Photographed: 6/6/00 Door Co.
(First time recorded from Door County)

#### Photo Notes:

The White-Marked Tussock Moth Larvae were raised from an egg mass that was found in Elkhart Lake, WI 10/20/99. The eggs were thought to be those of the Gypsy Moth. Eggs were over-wintered in a refrigerator, brought out in early June 2000 and hatched on 7/4/00. The four tufts on the left larva are bright yellow, whereas the tufts on the right are bright white. Obviously their coloration is variable, even if they are siblings.

The Pandorus Sphinx larva was transported from Glenbeulah (Sheboygan Co.) to Bailey's Harbor (Door Co.) by WES members, Therese & Scott Randall. They felt it was worth a 3 hr. trip, just to be photographed. The color is a brilliant rust-orange. Note how the small black spiracles (breathing holes) are ringed by cream-colored circles; except for the one at the rear. &



(Ophtogomphus howei)
HONORABLE MENTION
Karl Legler, Sauk City, WI
Photographed: 6/00 Burnett Co.
Threatened Species in Wisconsin

Pygmy Snaketail

### One Day in May

by Anita Carpenter

Finally, a sunny day in May coincided with a day off work so I coaxed my husband, Jerry, into making our annual pilgrimage to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Central Wisconsin. I wanted to renew my acquaintance with spring in the central sands region and to see what butterflies were flying.

We arrived about 10:30 A.M. While Jerry staved near the car, I walked along the road. Blue spikes of Wild Lupine were in full bloom, as were the lavender blossoms of the earth-hugging Bird's-Foot Violet. The easily-overlooked Rock Cress, with its diminutive, four-petaled white flowers, were everywhere. Scattered clumps of Yellow Puccoons punctuated the greening landscape. A little flock of Black-Capped Chickadees flitted and chitted about the oaks. But where were the butterflies? I strolled for half a mile. Not a butterfly, not an insect, was to be found. I thought: "This is really strange. I've always observed butterflies here. Perhaps we should travel to some other place to try to find some."

Then the atmosphere began to take on a weird feeling. The light began to fade. A solar eclipse was underway! I had forgotten all about it. I grabbed two pieces of paper and poked a pinhole in one to let the fading sunlight shine through onto the second sheet so that the image of the moon crossing the sun was visible. I looked around and realized that I didn't need paper. Thousands upon thousands of identical images were projected through minute holes in tree leaves onto the road, tree trunks, other leaves, and the car.

As the moon cast its darkening shadow upon the earth, the remaining daylight became more eerie and surreal. It was now twilight at noon. One could understand how ancient peoples might think the world was coming to an end. Nothing stirred-not a bird, not a tree leaf, not a whisper of wind. We ate lunch in a strange half-light.

After about I 1/2 hours, the moon reached its maximum coverage of the sun and moved off to the right. The Photos: Anita Carpenter, Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, 5/10/94



Persius Duskywing (Erynnts perstus)

90% total solar eclipse was receding and ever so slowly, daylight grew brighter. By now, we decided that it was too late to go some-

where else. If



nothing else happened, we had enjoyed the eclipse, scenery and solitude.

I walked along the road again. Although daylight seemed back to normal, still nothing moved. Then, as if on cue, nature's music makers broke the silence. Northern Leopard

Frogs croaked, trying to out-duel trilling American Toads. Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks broke into song as did the Robins. Bluebirds bubbled. Yellow Warblers lilted. Baltimore Orioles chortled, Least Flycatchers "che-becked," Wood-Downy peckers chipped, Song Sparrows warbled, and

Chickadees "chick-a-dee-deed." Song surrounded me. I was listening to dawn's avian chorus at 1:30 P.M.! I had never heard so much joyous bird sound in the early afternoon before. It lasted about fifteen minutes, then tapered off.

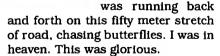
A slithering Eastern Garter Snake stirred the dry oak leaves. Instantly, as if the theory of



spontaneous generation was for real, butterflies were everywhere basking on the sandy, dirt road. They were so abundant I didn't know which one to look at or photograph first. Identifying the tattered American Ladies was easy but, oh, those Duskywings, Several male and female Juvenal

Duskywings basked, as did a smaller male Persius Duskywing. A few Spring Azures laterally basked, soaking up the warmth as did three Elfin species. I had seen Eastern Pine Elfins here before, so they weren't unexpected but today the Brown Elfin was a surprise. And to top that, a short time later, I saw my

> first and, to date, my only Henry's Elfin. It was so cooperative it even perched on my index finger and posed for a picture. Several white with green-veined Olympia Marbles nectared on Rock Cress as did one Mustard White. Butterfly activity was intense for about an hour. I



Dragonflies darted about. One landed nearby. I took its picture. Time flew. I did not want to leave the refuge that day. I felt that I had experienced something special. If I hadn't witnessed it for myself, I

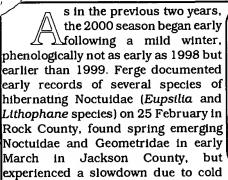
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Henry's Elfin (Callophrys henrici)

### 2000 Wisconsin Lepidoptera Season Summary

Coordinator: Leslie A. Ferge



conditions in May. Summer temperatures were unremarkable, but rainy conditions were prevalent in some areas. The season lasted well into fall, with mild periods allowing moth activity to persist into early November. Sabourin noted a generally mild season in northwestern Wisconsin, but not as humid as the past three years. The Swengels reported a good season for migrants, but not as good as 1999. They reported Junonia coenia in many sites, with the first sighting in Sauk County on 7 May. Euptoteta claudia was seen in Burnett, Crawford, Jackson, Portage and Sauk Counties, from early June through August. Strymon melinus and

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Eurema lisa were also reported from several localities, extending into central Wisconsin. Monarchs were seen from 15 May through 1 November, arriving as early as last year but persisting a bit later. A significant number of stray or migrant moth species were collected, including Tetanolita mynesalis, Anticarsia gemmatalis, Ctenoplusia oxygramma, Magusa orbifera, Euxoa auxiliaris, Condica sutor and Agrotis subterranea, the latter two being new

state records taken at bait in early November. The records are arranged systematically by checklist number, following the Checklist of the Leptdoptera of America North of Mexico (Hodges et al., 1983). New county records are indicated by county names appearing in CAPITAL letters. Abbreviations used in the data include:

CF=County Forest SF=State Forest NWR=National Wildlife Refuge SFA=State Fishery Area

SNA=State Natural Area

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#### One Day in May, from Page 4

never would have imagined the profound effect a solar eclipse has on nature. The "false night" with its eerie stillness had triggered the "false dawn" with its incredible burst of song and activity. From its quiet, inauspicious beginning to its unbelievable conclusion, this one day in May was extraordinary. It has been the most memorable day I've spent in the field.

But the excitement of "the day of the solar eclipse" was to resurface four years later. Remember the picture of that dragonfly? I was just beginning to study and identify dragonflies, so just by pure serendipity, I had taken this one's picture. I couldn't identify the individual and cataloged the slide as "unidentified." I had no idea that that photograph would eventually become the first recorded documentation for a newly discovered, early-flying dragonfly species in Wisconsin. The species, which was subsequently discovered and identified by Karl Legler, was the Ringed Bog Haunter (Williamsonia lintneri). I couldn't believe my luck. I had been in the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions. What a day! &

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#### Regals, from Page 2

described in the Bureau of Endangered Resources' June 1999 report (PUB-ER-085-99), "The Endangered and Threatened Invertebrates of Wisconsin." The DNR has shown increased interest in developing management protocols appropriate for rare butterflies, which will be good news for butterflies where implemented.

Results are hopeful at the larger populations. At Thomson 2, half the site was burned in spring 1992, with steadily decreasing areas burned in 1995 and 1997, and the smallest fire in 1996. While the 1995 fire reduced the never-burned area to about 30% of the habitat, this area (where we record most of the Regals) has not decreased further since. Increased Regal numbers at this site also appear

associated with areas of brush clearance, done by dedicated volunteers. Hogback has had a relatively large population both when it was private farmland with light cattle grazing and after grazing removal upon becoming a Nature Conservancy preserve. Brush cutting but no burning has since occurred (through summer 2000). In recent years, the Nature Conservancy has invested considerable resources in Regal surveys and an evolving approach to habitat management. Most heartening is the widespread distribution and areas of localized abundance of Regals at Buena Vista. Since 1992, only about 5% of this site was burned per year in scattered patches, while about 7% per year was cattle grazed, and lesser amounts subject to having and brush control. The patterns of Regal numbers relative to site management in our Wisconsin surveys are consistent with our studies elsewhere and with the BER report. &

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### **2000 SUMMARY**

MONA No.	Species Name	County	Locality	Date 1	Date 2	Contr
MONA NO.	BUTTERFLIES	County	Locality	Date	Date 2	Contr.
	BUTTERFEIES					
3954	Erynnis martialis (Scudder, 1869)	Burnett	Burnett CF & Crex Meadows	25 May 2000	27 Jul 2000	SAS
3954	Erynnis martialis (Scudder, 1869)	Burnett	Namekagon Barrens	11 Aug 2000		JCP
3958	Erynnis lucilius (Scudder & Burgess, 1870)	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
4006 4013	Oarisma powesheik (Parker, 1870) Hylephila phyleus (Drury, [1773])	Waukesha	Kettle Moraine SF	5 Jul 2000		JAE LAF
4013 4013	Hylephila phyleus (Drury, [1773]) Hylephila phyleus (Drury, [1773])	Grant JACKSON	Jamestown Twp. Black River SF/Jackson CF	3 Sep 2000 20 Jul 2000		SAS
4013	Hylephila phyleus (Drury, [1773])	Waukesha	Black (Nec Of /Jacksof) Of	5 Seo 2000	19 Oct 2000	JAE
4022	Hesperia ottoe W. H. Edwards, 1866	Crawford	Hogback Prairie	4 Jul 2000	10 001 2000	SAS
4023	Hesperia leonardus leonardus Harris, 1862	Burnett	Namekagon Barrens	11 Aug 2000		JCP
4023	Hesperia leonardus leonardus Harris, 1862	Douglas	Solon Springs Barrens SNA	11 Aug 2000		JCP
4023	Hesperia leonardus leonardus Harris, 1862	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	8 Aug 2000		SAS
4023	Hesperia leonardus leonardus Harris, 1862	Portage	Buena Vista Marsh	22 Aug 2000		SAS
4023 4027	Hesperia leonardus leonardus Harris, 1862	Wood	Highway X	23 Aug 2000		SAS
4027 4042	Hesperia metea Scudder, 1864	Jackson	Bauer Brockway Barrens	2 May 2000	•	SAS
4058	Polites origenes (Fabricius, 1793) Poanes massasoit (Scudder, 1864)	Waukesha COLUMBIA	Kettle Moraine SF French Creek Wildlife Area	15 Jul 2000 15 Jul 2000		JAE LAF
4064	Poanes viator (W. H. Edwards, 1865)	COLUMBIA	French Creek Wildlife Area	15 Jul 2000		LAF
4072	Euphyes dion (W. H. Edwards, 1879)	Douglas	Summit Twp.	2 Aug 2000		LAF
4075	Euphyes conspicua (W. H. Edwards, 1863)	COLUMBIA	French Creek Wildlife Area	15 Jul 2000		LAF
4075	Euphyes conspicua (W. H. Edwards, 1863)	Waukesha	Kettle Moraine SF	9 Jul 2000		JAE
4080	Atrytonopsis hianna (Scudder, 1868)	Burnett	Burnett CF, Crex, Danbury	25 May 2000		SAS
4080	Atrytonopsis hianna (Scudder, 1868)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	15 May 2000	6 Jun 2000	SAS, JCP
4096	Amblyscirtes hegon (Scudder, 1864)	Douglas	Oakland Twp.	8 Jun 2000		JCP
4184	Eurytides marcellus (Cramer, 1777)	WAUKESHA	Okauchee	9 Jun 2000		JAE
4195 4195	Pieris oleracea Harris, 1929	Douglas	Summit Twp.	2 Aug 2000		LAF
4195	Pieris oleracea Harris, 1929 Pieris oleracea Harris, 1929	Marathon Waukesha	Norrie	20 May 2000		LAF JAE
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Crawford	S of Eagle Prairie du Chien	27 Apr 2000 24 Jul 2000		JAE
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Grant	Jamestown Twp.	3 Sep 2000		LAF
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	18 Jul 2000		SAS
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Portage	Buena Vista Marsh	7 Jun 2000	22 Aug 2000	SAS
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Sauk	International Crane Foundation	26 Aug 2000	•	SAS
4237	Eurema lisa (Boisduval & LeConte, 1829)	Waukesha	Okauchee	11 Jul 2000		JAE
4248	Nathalis iole Boisduval, 1836	Crawford	Prairie du Chien	23 Jun 2000	24 Jul 2000	JCP, LAF
4249 4249	Feniseca tarquinius (Fabricius, 1793)	CLARK	Foster Twp.	7 Aug 2000		LAF
4249 4249	Feniseca tarquinius (Fabricius, 1793) Feniseca tarquinius (Fabricius, 1793)	Douglas Jackson	Summit Twp. Jackson County Forest	2 Aug 2000		LAF LAF
4261	Lycaena dorcas (W. Kirby, 1837)	Iron	Oma Twp.	7 Aug 2000 3 Jul 2000		LAF
4261	Lycaena dorcas (W. Kirby, 1837)	Lincoln	Harrison Twp.	1 Jul 2000		LAF
4318	Mitoura grynea (Hubner, [1819])	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
4318	Mitoura grynea (Hubner, [1819])	WAUKESHA	Kettle Moraine SF	3 Jun 2000		JAE
4325	Incisalia irus (Godart, 1824)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	2 May 2000		SAS
4325	Incisalia irus (Godart, 1824)	Wood	Highway X	26 Apr 2000	23 May 2000	SAS
4326	Incisalia henrici (Grote & Robinson, 1867)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	2 May 2000		SAS
4326 4336	Incisalia henrici (Grote & Robinson, 1867) Strymon melinus Hubner, [1818]	Wood	Highway X UW-Madison Campus	3 May 2000		SAS
4336	Strymon melinus Hubner, [1818]	Dane Grant	Jamestown Twp.	2 Nov 2000 3 Sep 2000		LAF LAF
4336	Strymon melinus Hubner, [1818]	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	23 May 2000	8 Aug 2000	SAS
	one individual on each date		Diagram of Page 1001	20 May 2000	07 mg 2000	<b>3.10</b>
4336	Strymon melinus Hubner, [1818]	Sauk	International Crane Foundation	6 Jul 2000		SAS
4336	Strymon melinus Hubner, [1818]	Waukesha	Oconomowoc	12 Oct 2000	18 Oct 2000	JAE
4360	Hemiargus isola (Reakirt, 1866)	Burnett	Burnett County Forest	27 Jul 2000		SAS
4372	Glaucopsyche lygdamus couperi Grt., 1873	Bayfield	Moquah Barrens	8 Jun 2000	0.14	JCP
4372 4375	Glaucopsyche lygdamus couperi Grt., 1873 Lycaeides melissa samuelis Nabokov, 1944	Waukesha	Kettle Moraine SF	27 Apr 2000	6 May 2000	JAE
4375	Lycaeides melissa samuelis Nabokov, 1944	Adams Juneau	Lake Arrowhead Necedah NWR	22 Jul 2000 9 Jul 2000		JCP SAS
	earliest date recorded for summer brood in WI	ourioud.	14000dall 144414	3 341 2000		0/10
4375	Lycaeides melissa samuelis Nabokov, 1944	Marquette	Observatory Hill SNA	2 Aug 2000		JAE
4375	Lycaeides melissa samuelis Nabokov, 1944	Wood	Highway X	16 May 2000	23 Aug 2000	SAS
4376	Plebejus saepiolus (Boisduval, 1852)	Bayfield	Comucopia	30 Jun 2000	_	JCP
4391	Calephelis muticum McAlpine, 1937	Marquette	Chaffee Creek	2 Aug 2000		SAS
4400	one individual photographed, not found on 17 Jul	<b>'</b>	Advances To the	10.4		
4422 4423	Polygonia satyrus (W. H. Edwards, 1869) Polygonia faunus (W. H. Edwards, 1862)	Oneida	Minocqua Twp.	10 Aug 2000		LAF
4435	Vanessa cardui (Linnaeus, 1758)	Douglas Portage	Oakland Twp. Buena Vista Marsh	8 Jun 2000 5 Jul 2000		JCP SAS
4435	Vanessa cardui (Linnaeus, 1758)	Waukesha	Dudila viola Ivialoti	24 Aug 2000	30 Sep 2000	JAE
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Adams	Big Flats	18 Jun 2000	JJ Jup 2000	LAF
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4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Columbia	Pine Island Wildlife Area	23 Jul 2000		SAS
4440	Junonia cosnia Hubner, [1822]	Crawford	Prairie du Chien	23 Jun 2000		JCP, LAF
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Grant	Jamestown Twp.	3 Sep 2000		LAF
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	lowa	Thomson Prairie	18 Jul 2000		SAS
4440	Junonia ccenia Hubner, [1822]	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	13 Jul 2000		SAS
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Marathon	Wausau	18 Sep 2000		JCP
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Portage	Buena Vista Marsh	22 Jun 2000	22 Aug 2000	SAS
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Sauk	International Crane Foundation	7 May 2000	6 Aug 2000	SAS
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	St. Croix	W of Roberts	13 Jul 2000		SAS
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	Waukesha		7 Jun 2000	24 Oct 2000	JAE
4440	Junonia coenia Hubner, [1822]	WOOD	Highway X	19 Jul 2000		SAS
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Burnett	Crex Meadows	27 Jul 2000		SAS
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Crawford	Hogback Praine	4 Jul 2000		SAS LAF
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Grant	Jamestown Twp.	3 Sep 2000		SAS
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	8 Aug 2000	22 4 2000	SAS
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Portage	Buena Vista Marsh	5 Jul 2000	22 Aug 2000	SAS
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Sauk	International Crane Foundation	3 Jun 2000 31 Aug 2000		JAE
4447	Euptoieta claudia (Cramer, [1775])	Waukesha	Vernon Marsh	8 Jul 2000		SAS
4452	Speyeria idalia (Drury, [1773])	Columbia	Pine Island Wildlife Area	27 Jun 2000	18 Jul 2000	SAS
4452	Speyeria idalia (Drury, [1773])	Crawford	Hogback Prairie Muralt Bluff Prairie	4 Jul 2000	10 301 2000	SAS
4452	Speyeria idalia (Drury, [1773])	Green Iowa	Thomson Prairie	4 Jul 2000		SAS
4452 4452	Speyeria idalia (Drury, [1773]) Speyeria idalia (Drury, [1773])	Portage	Buena Vista Marsh	28 Jun 2000		SAS
		Douglas	Oakland Twp.	8 Jun 2000		JCP
4463 4464.1	Boloria eunomia dawsoni (B. & McD., 1916) Boloria selene atrocostalis (Huard, 1927)	Douglas	Pioneer Trail Wetland	2 Aug 2000		LAF
4474	Boloria titania grandis (B. & McD., 1916)	Douglas	Summit Twp.	2 Aug 2000		LAF
44/4	on goldenrod, yarrow, Joe Pye Weed, fireweed,					
4474	Boloria titania grandis (B. & McD., 1916)	Douglas	Oakland Twp.	10 Aug 2000		JCP
4489	Chlosyne gorgone carlota (Reakirt, 1866)	Burnett	Crex Meadows	27 Jul 2000		SAS
4489	Chlosyne gorgone carlota (Reakirt, 1866)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF .	15 May 2000		SAS
4489	Chlosyne gorgone carlota (Reakirt, 1866)	Jackson	Bauer-Brockway Barrens	3 Jun 2000		JCP
4489	Chlosyne gorgone carlota (Reakirt, 1866)	Jackson	Black River SF/Jackson CF	8 Aug 2000		SAS
4583	Coenonympha tullia inornata W. H. Edw., 1861	Bayfield	Comucopia	30 Jun 2000		JCP
4583	Coenonympha tullia inornata W. H. Edw., 1861	Price	Fifield Twp.	3 Jul 2000		LAF
4611	Oeneis jutta ascerta Masters & Sorenson, 1968	Douglas	Oakland Twp.	8 Jun 2000		JCP
4611	Oeneis jutta ascerta Masters & Sorenson, 1968	Iron	Manitowish	29 May 2000		LAF
4611	Oeneis jutta ascerta Masters & Sorenson, 1968	Lincoln	Tomahawk	26 May 2000		LAF
4611	Oeneis jutta ascerta Masters & Screnson, 1968	Warathon	Norrie	20 May 2000		LAF
	MOTHS					
	(Tortricidae)	OLIDAIETT	0 44 4	4.0-4.0000		0.40
2950	Phaneta kokana (Kearfott, 1907) STATE RECORD (?)	BURNETT	Grantsburg	1 Oct 2000		MS
2985	Phaneta infimbriana candidula (Heinrich, 1924) STATE RECORD, eastern range extension	BURNETT	T39N, R19W, Sec 23	11 Aug 2000		MS
3114	Eucosma landana Kearfott, 1907	BURNETT	Crex Meadows	29 Apr 1999		MS
	misidentified as E. simplex in the 1999 Season					
3445	Acleris minuta (Robinson, 1869) reared from late instar larvae collected 4 Sept. o	Douglas n bog rosemary		23 Sep 2000		MS
6041	(Pyralidae)  Coenochroa bipunctella (B. & McD., 1913)  STATE RECORD, possibly first interior US rec	BURNETT ord of this Atlantic	Grantsburg & Gulf Coastal Plain species	25 Jun 2000		MS
	(Geometridae)	2002	<b>5</b> 2 1 11 1	0.40000		
6256	Archiearis infans (Moschler, 1862)	DOOR	Bailey's Harbor	2 Apr 2000		LAF
6256	Archiearis infans (Moschler, 1862)	Oneida	Minocqua Twp.	25 Mar 2000		LAF CBF
6321	Macaria truncataria (Walker, 1862)	Marathon JACKSON	Norrie	20 May 2000 3 Jun 2000		LAF
6449	Glena cribrataria (Guenee, 1858)		Jackson County Forest Norrie	20 May 2000		CBF
6639 6663	Eufidonia discospilata (Walker, 1862) Paleacrita merricata Dyar, 1903	Marathon Jackson	Jackson County Forest	6 Mar 2000		LAF
6663	Paleacrita merricata Dyar, 1903	Trempealeau	Perrot State Park	5 Mar 2000		JCP
6704	Erastria coloraria (Fabricius, 1798)	Burnett	Kohler-Peet, Namekagon Barrens		29 Jul 2000	LAF, RJB
6898	Cingilia catenaria (Drury, 1773)	Marathon	Nomie Nomie	18 Sep 2000		LAF
7136	Cyclophora packardi (Prout, 1936)	Jackson	Jackson County Forest	3 Jun 2000		LAF
7218	Thera contractata (Packard, 1873)	ASHLAND	Outer Island	31 Jul 2000		LAF
7329	Anticlea vasiliata Guenee, 1858	DOOR	Bailey's Harbor	6 May 2000		JJS
7433	Epirrita autumnata henshawi (Swett, 1917)	Marinette	Dunbar Barrens	30 Sep 2000		RJB
7560.1	Eupithecia frederickii Knudson, 1985 STATE RECORD, det. G. J. Balogh	GRANT	Cassville	19 May 1999		TR

MONA No.	Species Name	County	Locality	Date 1	Date 2	Contr.
	(Mimallonidae)		,			105
7662	Cicinnus melsheimeri (Harris, 1841) (Lasiocampidae)	Douglas	Wascott	7 Jun 2000		JCP
7685	Heteropacha rileyana Harvey, 1874 (Saturniidae)	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
7709	Sphingicampa bicolor (Harris, 1841)	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
7716	Anisota stigma (Fabricius, 1775)	JACKSON	Jackson County Forest	9 Jul 1900		LAF
7723	Anisota virginiensis (Drury, 1773)	BAYFIELD	Moquah Barrens	8 Jun 2000		JCP
7723	Anisota virginiensis (Drury, 1773)	Douglas	Wascott	7 Jun 2000		JCP
7730	Hemileuca maia (Drury, 1773) complex	Jackson	Bear Bluff Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP JCP
7730	Hemileuca maia (Drury, 1773) complex	Monroe	Meadow Valley	29 Sep 2000 8 Jun 2000		JJS
7768	Hyalophora columbia columbia (S. I. Smith, 1865) (Sphingidae)	DOOR	Bailey's Harbor			
7810	Sphinx gordius Cramer, 1780	Jackson	Black River Falls	3 Jun 2000		JCP
7859	Eumorpha pandorus (Hubner, 1821) (Notodontidae)	RICHLAND	Lone Rock	3 Jul 2000		JCP
7900	Clostera brucei (Hy. Edwards, 1885)	BAYFIELD	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
7926	Notodonta scitipennis Walker, 1862	DOOR	Bailey's Harbor	31 Jul 2000		JJS
7957	Dasylophia anguina (J. E. Smith, 1797)	Burnett	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	2 Aug 2000		LAF
8022	Hyparpax aurora (J. E. Smith, 1797)	Burnett	Namekagon Barens	7 Jun 2000 7 Jun 2000		JCP JCP
8022	Hyparpax aurora (J. E. Smith, 1797) (Arctiidae)	Douglas	Dairyland Twp.			
8120	Holomelina lamae (Freeman, 1941)	IRON	Manitowish	3 Jul 2000		LAF
8120	Holomelina lamae (Freeman, 1941)	LINCOLN	Harrison Twp.	1 Jul 2000		laf Laf
8120	Holomelina lamae (Freeman, 1941)	Marathon PRICE	Norrie	30 Jun 2000 3 Jul 2000		LAF
8120 8146	Holomelina lamae (Freeman, 1941) Ecpantheria scribonia (Stoll, 1790)	JACKSON	Fifield Twp. Black River Falls	3 Jun 2000		JCP
8162	Platarctia parthenos (Harris, 1850)	Marathon	Mud Lake	17 Jun 2000		JCP
8166	Arctia caja americana Harris, 1841	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
8175.1	Grammia speciosa (Moschler, 1864) -	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
8199	Grammia arge (Drury, 1773)	DÓOR	Bailey's Harbor	5 Aug 2000		JJS
8254	Pygarctia spraguei (Grote, 1875) (Noctuidae)	Jackson	Black River Falls	28 Jul 2000		JCP
8366	Tetanolita mynesalis (Walker, 1859)	Dane	Middleton	20 Oct 2000		LAF
8366	Tetanolita mynesalis (Walker, 1859)	ONEIDA	Minocqua Twp.	30 Sep 2000		LAF
8413	Mycterophora inexplicata (Walker, 1862)	DOUGLAS	Oakland Twp.	30 Jul 2000		RJB
8491	Ledaea perditalis (Walker, 1859)	Grant	Woodman	23 Jun 2000 1 Nov 2000		LAF LAF
8574	Anticarsia gemmatalis Hubner, 1818 two fresh specimens at sugar bait	MANITOWOC	Two Rivers			
8587	Panopoda rufimargo (Hubner, 1818)	DOOR	Bailey's Harbor	27 Jul 2000		JCP
8588	Panopoda carneicosta Guenee, 1852	RICHLAND	Gotham	3 Jul 2000 8 Jun 2000	5 Jul 2000	LAF
8618 9776	Drasteria graphica atlantica B. & McD., 1918 Catocala coelebs Grote, 1874	Ashland ASHLAND	Stockton Island Stockton Island	24 Aug 2000	3 Jul 2000	LAF
8776 8776	Catocala coelebs Grote, 1874	Door	Bailey's Harbor	18 Aug 2000		JJS
8797	Catocala subnata Grote, 1864	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
8834	Catocala amatrix (Hubner, 1809-13)	Door	Bailey's Harbor	7 Sep 2000		JJS
8840	Catocala illecta Walker, 1858	Richland	Gotham	3 Jul 2000		JCP
8843	Catocala whitneyi Dodge, 1874	Burnett	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	11 Aug 2000		JCP
8844	Catocala amestris Strecker, 1874	Grant	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
8865	Catocala praeclara Grote & Robinson, 1866	JACKSON	Spaulding Lake	28 Jul 2000		JCP
8872	Catocala clintoni Grote, 1864	BURNETT	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	6 Jul 2000 24 Jul 2000		LAF LAF
8877 8889	Catocala connubialis Guenee, 1852 Ctenoplusia oxygramma (Geyer, 1832)	Waushara MARATHON	Cedar Creek SFA Norrie	31 Aug 2000		LAF
8911	Autographa bimaculata (Stephens, 1830)	IRON	Oma Twp.	10 Aug 2000		LAF
8916	Autographa flagellum (Walker, 1858)	IRON	Manitowish	3 Jul 2000		LAF
8929	Syngrapha viridisigma (Grote, 1874)	ASHLAND	Stockton Island	24 Aug 2000		LAF
8929	Syngrapha viridisigma (Grote, 1874)	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
9061	Cerma cora Hubner, 1818	BAYFIELD	Moquah Barrens	8 Jun 2000		JCP
9169	Bagisara rectifascia (Grote, 1874)	Burnett	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	6 Jul 2000		LAF
9214	Acronicta falcula (Grote, 1877)	BURNETT	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	2 Aug 2000		LAF JCP
9224	Acronicta quadrata Grote, 1874	Douglas Portiold	Solon Springs Barrens SNA	7 Jun 2000		JCP
9254 9264	Acronicta afflicta Grote, 1864	Bayfield Jackson	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA Black River Falls	9 Aug 2000 3 Jun 2000		JCP
92 <del>04</del> 9344	Acronicta longa Guenee, 1852 Apamea plutonia (Grote, 1883)	BURNETT	Namekagon Barrens	28 Jul 2000		RJB
9369	Apamea inficita (Walker)	ASHLAND	Outer Island & Rocky Island	31 Jul 2000	24 Aug 2000	LAF
	STATE RECORD, verified by M. C. Nielsen			00.1 0000		
9380	Aparnea relicina (Morrison, 1875)	ADAMS	Big Flats	26 Aug 2000		LAF
9380	Apamea relicina (Morrison, 1875)	WOOD	Saratoga Twp.	26 Aug 2000		LAF LAF
9396	Eremobina claudens (Walker, 1857)	IRON	Oma Twp.	10 Aug 2000		, 5

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9428	Meropleon ambifuscum (Newman, 1948)	WOOD	Saratoga Twp.	26 Aug 2000		LAF
9430	Selicanis cinereola J. B. Smith, 1900	Jackson	Black River Falls	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9434	Spartiniphaga includens (Walker, 1858)	Grant	Woodman	23 Jun 2000		LAF
9436	Spartiniphaga panatela (J. B. Smith, 1904)	IRON	Oma Twp.	3 Jul 2000		LAF
9464	Papaiperna cerina (Grote, 1874)	CLARK	Foster Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9493	Papaipema appassionata (Harvey, 1876)	ASHLAND	Stockton Island	24 Aug 2000		LAF
9497	Papaiperna necopina (Grote, 1876)	CLARK	Foster Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9503	Papaipema rigida (Grote, 1877)	Clark	Foster Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9506	Papaipema sciata Bird, 1908	Clark	Foster Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9514	Hydraecia micacea (Esper, 1789)	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
9520	Achatodes zeae (Harris, 1841)	BAYFIELD	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
9637	Magusa orbifera (Walker, 1857)	CLARK	Foster Twp.	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9637	Magusa orbifera (Walker, 1857)	Jackson	Black River Falls	29 Sep 2000		JCP
9637	Magusa orbifera (Walker, 1857)	MARINETTE	Dunbar Barrens	29 Sep 2000		RJB
9654	Caradrina meralis (Morrison, 1975)	ADAMS	Big Flats	26 Aug 2000		LAF
9657	Caradrina multifera (Walker, 1857)	Ashland	Stockton Island	24 Aug 2000		LAF
9657	Caradrina multifera (Walker, 1857)	BAYFIELD	Raspberry Island	24 Aug 2000		LAF
9699	Condica sutor (Guenee, 1852)	MANITOWOC	Two Rivers	1 Nov 2000		LAF
	STATE RECORD, one specimen at sugar bait					
9886	Lithophane patefacta (Walker, 1858)	IRON	Oma Twp.	1 Oct 2000		LAF
9886	Lithophane patefacta (Walker, 1858)	JACKSON	Jackson County Forest	6 Mar 2000		LAF
9888	Lithophane innominata (J. B. Smith, 1893)	IRON	Oma Twp.	1 Oct 2000		LAF
9891	Lithophane amanda (J. B. Smith, 1900)	Door	Toft Point SNA	1 Apr 2000		LAF
9892	Lithophane disposita Morrison, 1874	Trempealeau	Trempealeau	5 Mar 2000		JCP
9899.1	Lithophane thujae Webster & Thomas, 1999	FOREST	Armstrong Creek	30 Sep 2000		RJB
9902	Lithophane baileyi Grote, 1877	IRON	Moose Lake Road	1 Oct 2000		LAF
9917	Lithophane fagina Morrison, 1874	DOOR	W of Bailey's Harbor	2 Apr 2000		LAF
9922	Lithophane pexata Grote, 1874	IRON	Oma Twp.	1 Oct 2000 .		LAF
9925	Lithophane lepida Grote, 1874  STATE RECORD, one specimen at MV light, de	MARINETTE t. L. A. Ferge	Dunbar Barrens	29 Sep 2000		RJB
9939	Eupsilia devia (Grote, 1875)	Marinette	Dunbar Barrens	30 Sep 2000		RJB
9939	Eupsilia devia (Grote, 1875)	TREMPEALEAU		5 Mar 2000		JCP
9944	Metaxaglaea viatica (Grote, 1874) STATE RECORD, one specimen at sugar bait	MANITOWOC	Two Rivers	5 Nov 2000		LAF
9948	Chaetaglaea cerata Franciemont, 1943	Marinette	Dunbar Barrens	30 Sep 2000		RJB
9950	Chaetaglaea sericea (Morrison, 1874)	Marinette	Dunbar Barrens	29 Sep 2000		RJB
10020	Psaphida thaxteriana (Grote, 1874)	Jackson	Pray	5 Mar 2000		JCP
10059	Homohadena badistriga (Grote, 1872)	Burnett	Kohler-Peet Barrens SNA	6 Jul 2000		LAF
10108	Oncocnemis viriditincta J. B. Smith, 1894	ADAMS	Big Flats	26 Aug 2000		LAF
10135	Oncocnemis riparia Morrison, 1875	BURNETT	Namekagon Barrens	28 Jul 2000		RJB
10266	Sideridis congermana (Morrison, 1874)	Douglas	Dairyland Twp.	7 Jun 2000		JCP
10266	Sideridis congermana (Morrison, 1874)	Jackson	Black River Falls	3 Jun 2000		JCP
10294	Melanchra pulverulenta (J. B. Smith, 1888)	IRON	Manitowish	3 Jul 2000		LAF
10296	Lacanobia nevadae (Grote, 1876)	ashland	Outer Island	5 Jul 2000		LAF
10296	Lacanobia nevadae (Grote, 1876)	Forest	Armstrong Creek Bog	30 May 2000		RJB
10302	Trichordestra rugosa (Morrison, 1875)	DOUGLAS	Wascott & Oakland Twp.	7 Jun 2000	30 Jun 2000	JCP
10302	Trichordestra rugosa (Morrison, 1875)	Jackson	Jackson County Forest	3 Jun 2000		JCP, LAF
10664	Agrotis subterranea (Fabricius, 1794) STATE RECORD, one specimen at sugar bait	MANITOWOC	Two Rivers	1 Nov 2000		LAF
10714	Euxoa quebecensis (J. B. Smith, 1900)	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	29 Jun 2000		JCP
10714	Euxoa quebecensis (J. B. Smith, 1900)	Bayfield	Raspberry Island	5 Jul 2000		LAF
10727	Euxoa pieuritica (Grote, 1876)	Ashland	Rocky Island	31 Jul 2000	24 Aug 2000	LAF
10730	Euxoa lidia thanatologia (Dyar, 1904)	Oneida	Sugar Camp	1 Jul 2000		LAF
10731	Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote, 1873)	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	9 Aug 2000		JCP
10731	Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote, 1873)	DANE	Middleton	19 Oct 2000		LAF
10731	Euxoa auxiliaris (Grote, 1873)	GRANT	Cassville	23 Jul 2000		JCP
10738	Euxoa mimallonis (Grote, 1873)	BAYFIELD	Rocky Island	31 Jul 2000	24 Aug 2000	LAF
10831	Euxoa niveilinea (Grote, 1882)	WOOD	Saratoga Twp.	26 Aug 2000		LAF
10863	Euxoa manitobana McDunnough, 1925	BURNETT	Namekagon Barrens	28 Jul 2000		ŔJB
10865	Euxoa perpolita (Morrison, 1876)	Ashland	Stockton Island	24 Aug 2000		LAF
10947	Xestia oblata (Morrison, 1875)	Bayfield	Port Wing Boreal Forest SNA	29 Jun 2000		JCP
10997	Cerastis fishii (Grote, 1878)	VILAS	Land O' Lakes Twp.	3 May 2000		JCP
11095	Schinia indiana (J. B. Smith, 1908)	Burnett	Danbury & Crex Meadows	25 May 2000		SAS
11095	Schinla indiana (J. B. Smith, 1908) not seen 6 June 2000	Jackson	Jackson CF & Black River SF	23 May 2000	30 May 2000	SAS
11141	Schinia thoreaui (Grote & Robinson, 1870)	WAUSHARA	Wedde Creek SFA	24 Jul 2000		LAF
11164	Schinia florida (Guenee, 1852)	ASHLAND	Stockton & Outer Islands	31 Jul 2000		LAF
11174	Schinia luceris (Morrison, 1875)	Green	Muralt Prairie & Oliver Prairie	· 4 Jul 2000		SAS
11174	Schinia lucens (Morrison, 1875)	lowa	Thomson Prairie	18 Jul 2000		SAS

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### The SECRET of the Color RED

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When Cortes enter into Mexico In the year of fifteen nineteen, He noticed something that, heretofore, Had never, ever been seen.

It was an exquisite shade of color They called it "brilliant red." T'was used on the soldiers' shields And in their fabric thread.

Cortes asked many questions, Searching for their secret dye. Then he discovered bags of powder, Soon after he became a spy.

Sending the bags on a boat to Spain Was his eventual and sneaky plan. Ladies would want it for their clothes, As well as each and every man.

Catholic Cardinals sought the color, too; For the long robes they wore. Michelangelo used it in paintings Everyone wanted it more and more.

In seventeen hundred, a Dutch scientist Observed with his new microscope That the powdered substance in the bags Contained tiny LEGS—there was hope!

Since the dye was always exported From a "secret Mexican farm."
It would take some tricky adventurers Using their wily ways and charm.

They found fields of large cacti, Called "Prickly Pear," to be exact, Each was covered with tiny insects Like mealybugs, as a matter-of-fact.

The insects were black, red and wingless About the size of a match's head.

THEY were the long-sought secret—
The marvelous news then spread.

Making the dye was quite tedious; Insects had to be captured and dried. Only the females contained the pigment, So the males were tossed aside.



Rollers were used by the women. Each bug was actually stone-ground. It took seventy-thousand insect bodies Just to make a single pound.

For more than three centuries
This tiny insect was in demand,
Using it for sausage, medicine and food,
Anything red—throughout every land.

With eighteen hundred came synthetics To ease the demand a small bit. Today, it's used in make-up and paint, And for photography it has always fit.

Thanks to those tiny insects with legs And the Mexican Prickly Pear Our lives are illumined with color— "Brilliant" red for us to use with flair!

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According to the Wisconsin Plant Checklist, there are three species of Prickly Pear Cacti found in Wisconsin, while the tropics play host to many more. The species used for dye purposes was probably the Cochineal Insect Cactus (Opuntia cochinellifera), which is a native of Mexico, now cultivated in the West Indies and other places, as well.

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